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Attn: SAC JOHN L. BARRETT JR
ASAC [REDACTED]
SSA [REDACTED]

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Chicago

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]

From: WFO

C-20/Northern Virginia Resident Agency

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #: ✓139B-WF-207638 (Pending)
281A-CG-98784 (Pending)

Title: [REDACTED]

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VICTIM;
INTERCEPTION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
OO:WFO

[REDACTED] ET AL

OC/LCN ORGANIZATION
OO:CG

Synopsis: This EC serves to update WFO management on the status of the captioned investigations and provides a discussion of proposed investigative steps, including setting a lead to Chicago for WFO case agents to travel to Chicago and interview [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This EC also discusses a planned WFO simultaneous interview of [REDACTED]

Details: Recent developments in the captioned matters have led WFO and Chicago case agents to believe a joint WFO/Chicago interview of [REDACTED] and a WFO interview of [REDACTED] are necessary, as discussed below.

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Chicago is continuing to move toward indicting [REDACTED] and several others as part of their police corruption/organized crime investigation. In [REDACTED] was confronted by WFO agents, served a FGJ subpoena, and invited to submit to an [REDACTED] refused [REDACTED] Since that time, [REDACTED] has elected not to provide significant information to Chicago regarding his Chicago or Washington, DC activities.

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Chicago AUSAs have had contact with [redacted] defense attorney, but there has been little progress toward convincing [redacted] to cooperate in the Chicago investigation. The Chicago case agent believes [redacted] fears for his physical safety if he were to inculcate his Chicago OC associates.

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[redacted] was served with another Federal Grand Jury subpoena which commands [redacted] at FBI-Chicago on [redacted]. The purpose of this appearance is [redacted]. As discussed below, [redacted] should again be confronted by the same WFO agents, advised of the Washington, DC based allegations against him, and again invited to be [redacted] while at FBI-Chicago.

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At WFO, investigation of [redacted] possible interception of sensitive grand jury, White House, and law enforcement information has not revealed significant new information over the last several months. The investigation has been limited to review of subpoenaed and public records. In summary, WFO and Chicago have confirmed the following facts:

1. There exists a direct link between [redacted] and [redacted] an ex-CIA official in the Washington, DC area who now runs his own investigation/security company. [redacted] is believed to be the [redacted] LNU [redacted] according to Title-III intercepts of [redacted]. A Chicago review of telephone records revealed [redacted] has been in frequent contact with [redacted] and CLAIR GEORGE, another former, senior CIA official.
2. In a recent WFO interview of [redacted] on an unrelated FCI matter, [redacted] [redacted] on a business project which involved the interception of e-mail traffic overseas.
3. WFO has also been in contact with Whitewater Office of Independent Counsel, Deputy Independent Counsel [redacted] who advised the Wall Street Journal is working on a story about the investigative activities of CLAIR GEORGE, another senior ex-CIA official, and a known [redacted] [redacted]

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In a related matter, it now appears likely that [redacted] will be prosecuted by the Eastern District of Virginia on illegal wiretapping charges. [redacted] has [redacted] CLAIR GEORGE and [redacted] in the past for investigative work. Prosecution of [redacted] may encourage him to provide information

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about the activities of GEORGE, [] and possibly other private investigators in the Washington, DC area, such as []

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At this point, all logical investigative steps have been taken, short of interviewing [] on their Washington, DC based activities. WFO case agents consider it appropriate at this time to conduct simultaneous interviews of []

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WFO's investigation of [] possible interception of sensitive US Government information has been extremely discreet, and appropriately so, given the sensitivity of [] alleged conduct. However, due to [] refusal to be interviewed or cooperate with the Chicago AUSAs, WFO has been unable to convey to [] the FBI's awareness of his Washington, DC activities. This has kept compelling information from [] that we believe would encourage him to cooperate.

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[] interview is planned for February 9, 1999, while he is at FBI-Chicago. [] attorney and Chicago AUSAs will be present. During this interview, WFO will play the Title-III tapes in which [] will be advised that the FBI is aware that [] has illegally received this information, and that his cooperation in this matter will help his situation in the Chicago OC case. WFO will make no mention of Whitewater grand jury interceptions. Chicago and WFO case agents believe such a scenario is the best way to get [] to cooperate because he would not need to divulge information about Chicago OC figures.

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[] should also be interviewed on February 9, 1999. The interview strategy with [] would be different from [] [] is a former high ranking CIA official, and he still enjoys considerable access to law enforcement/intelligence community officials. It is believed [] reputation and access among law enforcement/intelligence community officials is very important to him personally and to his business. To take advantage of this situation, FBI Agents will approach [] in a non-confrontational manner, as "colleagues", asking for his assistance with respect to [] This was the technique used during the previous FBI interview of [] and it elicited valuable information from him. [] will be told that [] will be indicted for serious crimes in Chicago, which will probably be news to [] He will be told that as a result of indices checks on [] and [] previous FBI interview, the FBI is soliciting any additional information regarding [] in [] possession. [] will be asked non-threatening questions about what he knows about [] and any information

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[] has obtained. Later, [] will be asked if he has ever provided [] any information, including U.S. Government information.

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If it is later determined that [] was not truthful in answering these important questions, he would be confronted during a subsequent interview with lying. Such lies, with their implications to [] business and continued good reputation at FBIHQ and CIAHQ, along with the possibility of criminal charges, should prompt [] to then disclose the true nature of his involvement with [] including the possible theft or interception of sensitive government information.

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It should be noted that the above strategy of interviewing both [] and [] does not include disclosing the most sensitive aspect of this case - the FBI's receipt of allegations regarding [] possible involvement in the compromise of Whitewater grand jury information. Since all logical covert investigative steps have been taken, this strategy appears to be the best way to move the investigation forward.

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Accordingly, SAs [] and [] will travel to Chicago to interview [] as discussed above. In addition, WFO Agents will re-interview [] as described above.

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